

(2) to place the under-mentioned trivial names on the *Official List of Specific Trivial Names in Zoology* :—

(a) *cyanea* Hume, 1877 (as published in the binominal combination *Muscitrea cyanea*) ;

(b) *cyanea* Müller, 1776 (as published in the binominal combination *Muscicapa cyanea*) ;

(c) *hyacinthina* Temminck, 1820 (as published in the binominal combination *Muscicapa hyacinthina*) ;

(3) to place the trivial name *cyanea* Vieillot, 1818 (as published in the binominal combination *Muscicapa cyanea*), as proposed, under (1) above, to be suppressed under the plenary powers, on the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Trivial Names in Zoology*.

**PROPOSED USE OF THE PLENARY POWERS TO VALIDATE THE TRIVIAL NAME "FERRUGINEA" HODGSON, 1845 (AS PUBLISHED IN THE COMBINATION "HEMICHELIDON FERRUGINEA") BY THE SUPPRESSION OF THE TRIVIAL NAME "FERRUGINEA" MERREM, 1784 (AS PUBLISHED IN THE COMBINATION "MUSCICAPA FERRUGINEA") (CLASS AVES)**

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The object of the present application is to ask the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature to use its plenary powers to preserve the trivial name *ferruginea* Hodgson, 1845 (as published in the binominal combination *Hemichelidon ferruginea*) (Class Aves). The details of this case are set out below.

2. The species, which was treated as belonging to the genus *Hemichelidon* when it was first described and named *Hemichelidon ferruginea* Hodgson, 1845 (*Proc. zool. Soc. Lond.* **13**(146) : 32) is now placed in the genus *Muscicapa* Linnaeus, 1766. There is however a much older nominal species originally described as belonging to the genus *Muscicapa*, namely *Muscicapa ferruginea* Merrem, 1784 (*Avium rar. Icones* **1** : 19). Thus, the trivial name *ferruginea* Hodgson, 1845, is invalid, as a junior secondary homonym in the genus *Muscicapa*.

3. Merrem's work is not available to me, but according to a personal communication which I have received from Mr. H. G. Deignan (*U.S. National Museum, Washington*), both the species represented by *Muscicapa ferruginea* Merrem and its country of origin is uncertain. On the other hand, the bird to which Hodgson gave the name *Hemichelidon ferruginea* has been known by the

trivial name *ferruginea* for 107 years and has been cited under that name by the authors of all standard works (Hartert 1910, *Die Vög. Paläarkt. Fauna* 1 : 479 ; Stuart Baker, *Faun. Brit. Ind.* ; R. B. Sharpe, *Cat. Birds Brit. Mus.* 4 : 122 ; F. N. Chasen, 1935, *Handlist of Malaysian Birds* : 163).

4. Great and quite unnecessary confusion and disturbance would be created by the rejection of the trivial name *ferruginea* Hodgson by reason of its being a junior secondary homonym in the genus *Muscicapa* of the trivial name *ferruginea* Merrem. This would be all the less justified in view of the fact that the name published by Merrem is a *nomen dubium*. It is to prevent this disturbance that this case is now submitted to the International Commission under the procedure prescribed by the International Congress of Zoology for dealing with problems presented by *nomina dubia* (1950, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 4 : 76).

5. The application now submitted is that the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature should :—

- (1) use its plenary powers (a) to suppress the trivial name *ferruginea* Merrem, 1784 (as published in the binominal combination *Muscicapa ferruginea*) for the purposes both of the Law of Priority and of the Law of Homonymy, and (b) to validate the trivial name *ferruginea* Hodgson, 1845 (as published in the binominal combination *Hemichelidon ferruginea*) ;
- (2) place the trivial name *ferruginea* Hodgson, 1845 (as published in the foregoing combination), as validated, under (1)(b) above, under the plenary powers, on the *Official List of Specific Trivial Names in Zoology* ;
- (3) place the under-mentioned trivial names on the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Trivial Names in Zoology* :—
  - (a) *ferruginea* Merrem, 1784 (as published in the binominal combination *Muscicapa ferruginea*), as proposed, under (1)(a) above, to be suppressed under the plenary powers ;
  - (b) *ferrugineas* Hodgson, June 1844 (as published in the binominal combination *Hemichelidon ferruginea* Hodgson, 1844, Gray's *Zool. Miscell.* (6) : 84) (a *nomen nudum*).

